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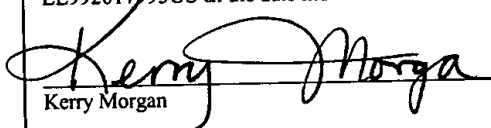
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification and claims of the design patent application of:

Inventor(s): FRED J. CARTER, III

Title of Invention: OPENING ASSIST MECHANISM FOR A FOLDING KNIFE

Also enclosed are:

10	SHEETS OF	<input type="checkbox"/> FORMAL DRAWINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMAL DRAWINGS
X	OATH OR DECLARATION OF APPLICANT(S)		
X	A POWER OF ATTORNEY		
	A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT		
X	APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. SEE 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.		
X	CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM PTO-2038 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$664.00 TO COVER THE FILING FEE.		
X	THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO ACCOUNT NO. 14-0629		
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X	I hereby certify that this correspondence is being placed in the United States Mail as Express Mail No. EL992017993US on the date indicated below.  Kerry Morgan 10/3/03 Date		
	A computer readable form of the sequence listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. ' 1.821(e). The content of the computer readable form of the sequence listing and the sequence listing in the specification of the application as filed are the same.		
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CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT

TOTAL CLAIMS = $51 - 20 = 31 \times \$18.00 =$	558\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS = $3 - 3 = 0 \times \$86.00 =$	\$0.00
BASIC FEE FOR DESIGN APPLICATION =	\$770.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	\$1,328.00
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Respectfully submitted,


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